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Southern Ute Museum & Cultural Center Taking Shape

With the Southern Ute Museum & Cultural Center project well underway, workers and heavy equipment work together on the various stages of construction just north of Tribal Campus. Pictured here, a track hoe digs a trench for utilities along side of the block structure that has been taking shape over the past few weeks as a result of hard work and favorable weather conditions. This photo, of many, was taken on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 on this on-going project.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Ground Breaking

photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

The Groundbreaking for the Multi-purpose & Memorial Chapel Project was held today, Thursday, August 27, 2009, at Ute Park in Ignacio. The project under management of Ray Torres, Project and Construction, is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2010. This new addition to Ute Park is intended to serve as a venue for Tribal funerals, weddings, dances, dinners & celebrations. The Architectural Firm WhPacific and General Contractor Weeminuche/Jaynes JV working on this fourteen-month project are both TERO Certified. The groundbreaking ceremonies were kicked off by Ignacio's own 12 Gauge Drum Group and the Shadow Wind Dancers following an Invocation and welcome from Dr. James Jefferson. The Tribal Council ground breaking followed remarks given by guest speakers. Pictured Left to Right; Leonora Burch, Ray Torres, Chairman Matthew Box, Councilman Steve Herrera, Vice Chairman Jim Newton Jr., Andrea Taylor, Hilda Burch, James Price and Councilwoman Ramona Eagle each broke ground along with other community members.

UMU Casino Pow Wow

Miss Southern Ute Eleanore Frost, (right) representing the Southern Ute Royalty and Miss Indian Colorado Kelsie Monroe (left) were on hand during Grand Entry to begin the Saturday evening session of the annual Ute Mountain Ute Casino PowWow in Towaoc, Colorado on August 22, 2009. Also representing the Southern Ute Tribe were the Southern Ute Veterans Color Guard, Howard Richards, Sr., Dewitte Baker, Ronnie Baker and who carried the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal flag. Future Miss Indian Colorado representatives, KennaLeigh Teague and Avalena Nanaeto.

photo courtesy Prislenna Lopez/UMU

Tom Redmond
Project Manager

The Museum & Cultural Center project is well underway, as you can see if you drive by on SH 172 at the north edge of town. The general contractor is Tierra-FCI, a tribally owned joint venture company. The contractor's superintendent is Mark Crom with FCI, who has built many other buildings on the Tribal campus. Some of the major subcontractors working now are Pine River Construction, an Indian-owned contractor doing the dirt and utility work, Beaty Masonry, Noel Concrete, Valley Electric, Dema Plumbing, and Holt Sheetmetal. Tava Wu Cuttum is another Indian owned subcontractor that will do all the landscaping for the project.

The project is on schedule and starting to take shape. The 2nd floor structural work will start in

several weeks, and the contractor should have the roof on by the end of the year. The building is scheduled to be complete by late fall of next year, but the museum probably won't open until the following spring in May, 2011, to allow time to install all the exhibits. The facility will have a library, several classrooms, a storytelling room,

an elder's lounge, a craft room, a kitchen, a store, in addition to 2 museum galleries for exhibits. The exterior landscaping will have a front and rear courtyard, several fire pits, a walking path, a mountain stream water feature, many trees and native plants, a native crops demonstration garden, and a large open meadow for group events.

U.S. Senator Bennet Visits With Southern & Ute Mountain Ute Tribes

photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Tribal Council Members visited with United States Senator for Colorado, Michael Bennet, in the Chief Ignacio Room in the Leonard C. Burch building on Thursday, August 20, 2009. The meeting was meant as an introduction between the two Ute Tribes in the State of Colorado and Senator Bennet and to voice concerns the two Tribes have within the State of Colorado. On January 3, 2009, Bennet was named by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter to fill the seat in the United States Senate vacated by United States Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar on January 20. Since taking office on January 21, 2009, he has stated that he will seek election at the end of his term in 2010. One of the more profound statements came from Ute Mountain Ute, Terry Knight, expressing how when the Utes signed the treaty offered by the United States to give up their land, a promise was made by the United States, they would take care of the Utes, in exchange for your land, we gave them our land, now take care of us. This comment was made, pertaining to the situations facing Health Care in Indian Country today.





## Piccoli & Williams Retire



photos Amy Barry/SUPR Dept.

Robert "Bob" Piccoli, (top photo, center) shakes hands with former Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Howard Richards, Sr. Bob retired from the Construction and Project Management Department on Friday, August 21, 2009. A retirement party was held at the Sky Ute Events Center for all invited guests to wish Bob well and to say "thank you" for his many years of service for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, 14 years and 8 months to be exact. Bob's family and friends were all in attendance to enjoy snacks and to acknowledge Bob and C & PM's many accomplishments during his tenure with the Tribe. Bob has been an asset to the Tribe and will be missed by all.

On Friday, August 21, 2009, Southern Ute Tribal member, Florence Williams (lower photo), left her "post" in Finance to enjoy life. The Finance staff along with well-wishers, shared stories, laughter and good wishes during Flo's retirement party held at the LCB Building. Pictured here are Florence Williams and Southern Ute Tribal Controller, Christine Hudgens, cutting the cake, her last duty within the Finance Department. Florence Williams worked for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for 18 years and 9 months. Good luck Florence! You will be missed.

## General Election Information

### Statement of Intention Deadline: September 7, 2009

If you are interested in running, for a Tribal Council seat in the upcoming General Election, (November 6, 2009); the deadline for filing a "Statement of Intention" is September 7, 2009. September 7, 2009 is Labor Day, a Tribal Holiday, the Election Board will set up in the lobby of the Southern Ute Justice Center, between the hours of 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. A Notary Public will be available for candidates during this time.

### General Election: November 6, 2009, 7AM-7PM

Constitution, Article IV, Section 1: There shall be annual elections held on the first Friday in November.

**If you have any questions, please call the Southern Ute Election Board at (970) 563-0100 ext. 2303 or ext. 2305.**

## Onto The Spirit World



**GROVE** - Bertha Marie Burch Grove died Wednesday, August 19, 2009, in Durango, Colo. She was 86. Bertha had complications with diabetes and other health issues.

Bertha was born to Samuel Burch and Clara Cloud Burch May 27, 1923, in Ignacio.

She worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Pino Nuche Restaurant and served on various tribal committees. She enjoyed traveling and had toured Korea, Australia and other parts of the world. She was the first Southern Ute Tribal Royalty. She participated in horse racing, Sun Dance, pow-wows and other Native American dance cultures. She was a member of the Native American Church. She raised numerous children in addition to her sons, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husbands: Vincent H. Grove and Alden W. Naranjo; Sr., sons: Bruce Naranjo and Eugene A. Naranjo; brothers: Anthony C. Burch, Everett Burch, and Leonard C. Burch; sisters: Dorothy B. Box, Martha R. Myore, Elsie B. Thorne; uncles: Julius Cloud, Ralph Cloud, Edwin Cloud; aunts: Minnie Cloud and Sunshine Cloud; grandparents: Edwin Cloud and Ruth Nash Cloud; and parents: Samuel Burch and Clara Cloud Burch.

Surviving family members include sister: Judy Lansing; sons: Alden B. Naranjo and Terance C. Naranjo; and numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A wake was held at the family home in Ignacio on Saturday, August 22, 2009. Burial occurred Sunday at Ouray Memorial Cemetery. Dinner followed at Ute Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Native American Church, c/o A. Naranjo, P.O. Box 1285, Ignacio, CO.

## Express Your Opinions

### SUSG Bean Pit

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter of concern in regard to the proposed SUSG Bean Pit (proposed gravel pit on the Sundance Loop). I received notice of the proposed gravel pit in a letter dated August 6, 2009 from Mr. Vince Mirabal, Vice-President of Sky Ute Sand and Gravel.

I am opposed to the operation as it will have a negative effect on those of us who reside in the area and use CR 518 daily. The peaceful existence we have come to enjoy will be radically altered if this operation goes through. This site is one of only a few local areas on the reservation where the wildlife has a safe harbor from hunters and poachers.

The August 6, 2009 letter mentions wetlands conservation, avoidance of cultural resource sites, continuance of hunting and

fishing, and efforts to control dust and sound. However, there is no mention as to the types of safety precautions that Sky Ute Sand and Gravel management will implement. This is crucial because of the safety risks that commercial vehicle traffic will cause to the families utilizing this road. This issue is of grave concern to those of us who live in this area. There are approximately 13 families and 24 children who use CR 518 at any given time. Traffic ranges from pedestrians, adults and children on bicycles, agricultural vehicles during the spring, summer and fall and school buses that have multiple stops between houses.

Further, the August 6, 2009 letter states, "Trucks entering the pit will travel on the north leg of C.R. 518." The current traffic on the "north Leg" of CR 518 already

exceeds the posted speed limits and commercial vehicle traffic will only compound the problem. The letter also mentions that pit operation will be seasonal, yet it does not reference what season(s). It is a common fact that use of CR 518 picks up during the spring, summer and fall.

It would seem that there would be another gravel pit site on the Southern Ute reservation that would be more amenable for an operation like this, which would pose less of a danger to the residents on C.R. 518.

I urge the Sky Ute Sand and Gravel management to seriously reconsider the gravel operation and provide us with detailed information on the issues identified in this letter.

Thank you,  
Marge Barry

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The Southern Ute Drum accepts and encourages letters from its readers on any subject or issue whatsoever. We ask that letters submitted for publication be 500 words or less, and be signed by the writer. Letters deemed to be libelous or tasteless will not be published. Letters need to be signed and submitted to Robert L. Ortiz, Media Manager for the Southern Ute Drum (970) 563-0100, Ext. 2253 or send an email to Robert at: rortiz@southern-ute.nsn.us during normal business hours.

## Future Miss Indian Colorado Report



Mique Taguvin

I hope this finds you in the best of health and happiness. My name is KennaLeigh Morning Moon Teague. I'm Northern Ute. I'm the future Miss Indian Colorado 2009-2010. My parents are Rondra Murray and Dustin Teague. My grandparents are Sandra Myore and the Franklin D. Murray Sr. Irene Reed and

Donald L. Reed. Leslie Santistevan and Sam Santistevan, Kathryn Jacket and Jerald Peabody. I'm also the great granddaughter of the late Frank Myore and Cleo Shavanaux who was the Great niece of the Ute leader Chief Shavano.

My reign started off to be a busy one. I started my reign at the Annual Casino Pow-wow where I had a chance to hang out with my dad and uncles, 12 Gauge. My cousin Avaleena, who is also my 1st alternate. Aunt Sheila & Grandma Ula.

July 2 July 5 - Northern Ute 4th of July Pow-wow, where I danced with my cousin Avaleena, I also danced Grand Entry with Miss Indian Colorado Miss Monroe and Jr. Miss

Indian Colorado Patricia LeRoy. I hung out with Auntie Sheila & Grandma Ula who supplied all the snow cones we could eat; I also made a couple new friends.

July 10 July 15 - Southern Ute Sundance. I came down to support my dad, but I had to leave on Sunday to go back to Utah.

July 24th - My cousin Avaleena & I had the pleasure of helping with the train performance. I got to hang out with Samantha Maez (Mom says thanks, she would've went crazy.) This was the first time I got to ride on the train, Yay!!!

I'm sure I'll have plenty more trips down the road. I would like to thank Auntie Sheila, Uncle Travis, Grandma Ula, Mike & Mikki and Molly Cotton for including me in several performances and also thanks to Avaleena Nanato for being my partner in crime!!!

Thank you for your time,  
KennaLeigh Morning Moon  
Teague  
Future Miss Indian Colorado  
2009-2010

## Happy Birthday & Belated Birthday Wishes



**Mommy,**  
**Have the best birthday ever!**  
We love you, thank you for taking care of us and going to all our games!

**Love,**  
**Arnulfo, Kruz, Amarante**  
**and Eufemia**

**Happy Birthday Heather**  
We love you & wish you many more-no late nite jogs.  
**Amy, Mario & Kiddos**

**Happy Birthday to Heather Barry-Frost Pardo on August 27**

Heather, we hope that your birthday is a happy one. You have become a lovely, gracious young lady and have a great love for your family which is shown through tender actions and warmth. Daughter, we love you so very much. May the Lord shine his grace upon you. Happy Birthday.

**Mom and Dad**

**Happy Belated Birthdays**

Asa: July 27 (22)  
Angel: August 14, (15)  
Melinda: August 23, (37)  
Antonio: August 23, (21)

Love your families,  
We hope you know who they are... LAH like we do!  
We all love you very much and we will continue to support you in everything you do. But always remember your friends come and go, but you will always have your family there for you, you just need to have the strength to reach out in your time of need.

**Love,**  
**the Herrera & the Ortiz Families**

## Next Drum Sept 11 DEADLINES

### Display/Classified Ads & Jobs Sept 4

### Stories & News, Announcements Wishes/B-Days! Sept 8

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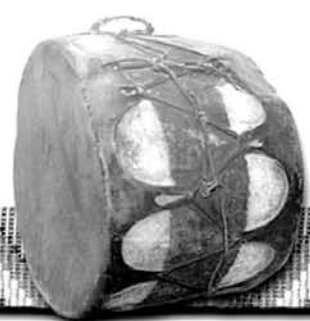
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## Tribal Update

### Ignacio Schools "Relay For Life" Teams

The Ignacio Schools relay For Life teams will be hosting a "Curing Cancer Crafts" Crafts Fair on Saturday, November 14, 2009, at the Ignacio High School. Booth space will be available for \$10.00 (table included). If you are interested in reserving a booth or for more information please contact Kelly at (970) 884-0247.

### Seeking Elder's to SHARE

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is looking for Elder's to participate in the "Grandparent's Program". We invite you to come and share your stories, traditional values, and any talents you may have in art, traditional music, traditional clothing, traditional food, traditional dance or from your life experience. The Ute classroom enjoys involving elders in teaching our children first hand from your hearts! You will be paid a stipend from our Grandparent's Program Funds, and transportation can be provided if needed. Come and see for yourself what your children are learning and be a part of their future. If you are interested in sharing, please call (970) 563-0253 ext 2701. Thanks for caring enough to share!

### Council Tree PowWow for Tribal Elders, Handicapped & Disabled

Any interesting Tribal Elders, Handicapped and disabled who wish to attend the Council Tree PowWow in Delta, CO. Please sign up and fill out Travel request form. Elder Van will depart on Friday, September 25th at 8:00 am. and return on Sunday, September 27th. Other Tribal elder, handicapped and disabled who wish to travel on their own personal vehicle, come in and sign travel request. Dead line for Council Tree PowWow is September 4th, at 4:00 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS!

### Ute Language Adult Intermediate Course

The Ute Language & Culture Expansion Project Grant has completed the production of the "Ute Language Adult Intermediate Course". As part of the objectives of the Grant Project, we are offering a FREE copy of the DVD to each Tribal member upon their request. If you would like a FREE copy, please email or phone us giving your name and phone number, and a copy will be available for you to pick up at the front desk of the LCB building. We hope these copies will expand language learning among the Tribe. Please contact Diana Wilkening, Project Manager, dwilken@southern-ute.nsn.us (970) 563-0253 ext. 2759 for further information.

### Ignacio High School Offers Sheds To Community

Ignacio High School Building Trades class offers custom built sheds to community members. The students take orders and build the sheds during class time with instructor Gary Hansen. Once the shed is completed, the students deliver the shed to the owner. The class is in their second year of building and delivering sheds and will soon start remodel jobs. Future plans for the Building Trades class is to remodel homes and build a complete house. If you would like to purchase a custom built shed from the Building Trades class, contact Gary Hansen at (970) 563-0544.

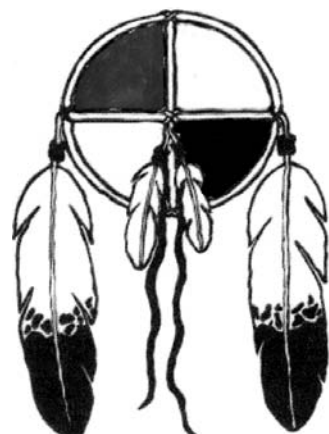
### 2009 Southern Ute Fair Duck Race

The 2009 Southern Ute Fair Duck Race tickets are now on sale! The Duck Race will be held on September 13, 2009 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The winning ducks will be pulled from the HWY 151 Bidge. The cost is \$5.00 per duck. Prizes are \$600.00 for 1st place; \$300 for 2nd place; and \$100.00 for 3rd place. To purchase ducks contact Danielle Hight at (970) 563-4785 or Amy Barry at (970) 563-0118.

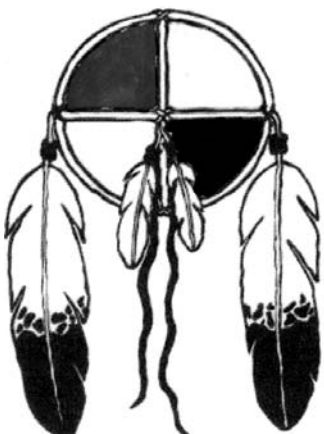
## 2nd Annual LaVara Thompson Memorial Poker Run

September 5, 2009

North Baseball Park in Ignacio (Behind the Southern Ute Rec Center)  
First Bike Out: 10:00 AM • Last Bike Out: 11:45 AM • Cut-off time: 4:00 PM



Best Poker Hand Wins:  
1st Place: \$400  
2nd Place: Pendleton Blanket  
3rd Place: Black Leather Jacket  
4th Place: Blanket  
5th Place: Vest



Weenie Bite Contest & Door Prizes  
Food will be provided @ \$5 a plate  
\$25 for Singles, \$35 for Couples  
Meal will be included

#### Contact Information

Bennett Thompson (home) 970-563-0473, (cell) 970-759-0367  
Charles Buffalomeat: (970) 759-3715 or Chief Prairie Chief: (970) 799-0937  
*Not Responsible for Thefts, Accidents or Divorces during this event*

## Requests For Military Honor For Deceased Veterans

**Rod Grove**

VSO - Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Request for military honor for deceased veterans requires proof of military services such as a DD 214. This document has all the information needed to submit the request for Military Burial Honors. No Military Burial

Services can take place without proof of honorable military service. With the DD 214 Hood Mortuary can arrange for military honors at time of funeral for veteran and that the American flag can be approved for funeral services. Additionally, a military headstone can be ordered with this document. The La Plata county court house has copies of

military service if the veteran had filed his or her DD 214 after discharge from military services. Rod Grove - VSO, will be sending out a 180-form request for military records to Tribal Veterans so they can send off for their military records. Rod Grove will only be sending to veterans who have no records with this department.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Priscella Precious Collins

Job Title: Operations Assistant Manager (Community Center)  
Description of Duties: Office duties, budgeting, duties of recreational facility, assisting operations manager.  
Tribe: Ute Mountain Ute Tribe



### Tami Johnson

Job Title: Probation Officer  
Hobbies: Road biking, Hiking, Cooking & Sports

Shishim lives in Durango, CO and my parents Dave & Maggie

Comments: I am very excited to be working at the Academy and am looking forward to meeting new people, the children and learning about the Southern Ute culture.



### Gabriel Tate

Job Title: Detention Officer  
Hobbies: Hiking  
Family: Parents live in the Durango area.  
Comments: Born and raised in the La Plata county.



### Scott Shishim

Job Title: Physical Education Teacher  
Description of Duties: To educate the children of the Southern Ute Montessori Academy about physical activities and exercise and health and well being.  
Family: My sister Melinda Shishim live in Paonia, CO.

## Labor Day weekend Ride the Four Corners August 31 thru September 7

**Ignacio, Colorado**  
*The open rally where it all started 16 years ago*

Ignacio Bike Week™ is a 100%-not-for-profit, all-volunteer event produced by the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce.

No Gate Fees

Ignacio Bike Week™ IS The Four Corners Motorcycle Rally™

## Events:

**Kool and the Gang  
in Concert**  
Sturgis Rally  
Getaway Giveaway  
**Free Live Music**  
Cage Fighting  
Miss Bike  
**Week Contest**  
(\$1,000 prize)  
Two Beer Tents  
Field Events  
Bike Parade  
Poker Runs  
Biker Bull Riding  
(with real bulls)  
**Hot Bike Contest**  
Arm Wrestling  
Tattoo Contest  
Veterans Sunday  
Motorcycle Demo Fleet  
**Fantastic Rides  
in the Rockies**  
**100s of Vendors**  
**Kid's Rally**  
Tent & RV Camping  
Events listed are currently planned.  
Visit our web site for the up-to-date schedule.

www.IgnacioBikeWeek.com

See [SkyUteCasino.com](http://SkyUteCasino.com) for all gaming promotions & entertainment information!

# Kool & the GANG

## Kool and the Gang Live In Concert Friday, September 4, 2009

**Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center**  
\$60 Reserved Tickets on sale at the Sky Ute Casino  
Resort Gift Shop \$40 GA Tickets are on sale at the gift  
shop, at Katzin Music in Durango, and at Boot Barn in  
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## Of Four Corners Interest

### An Invitation To All La Plata County Residents

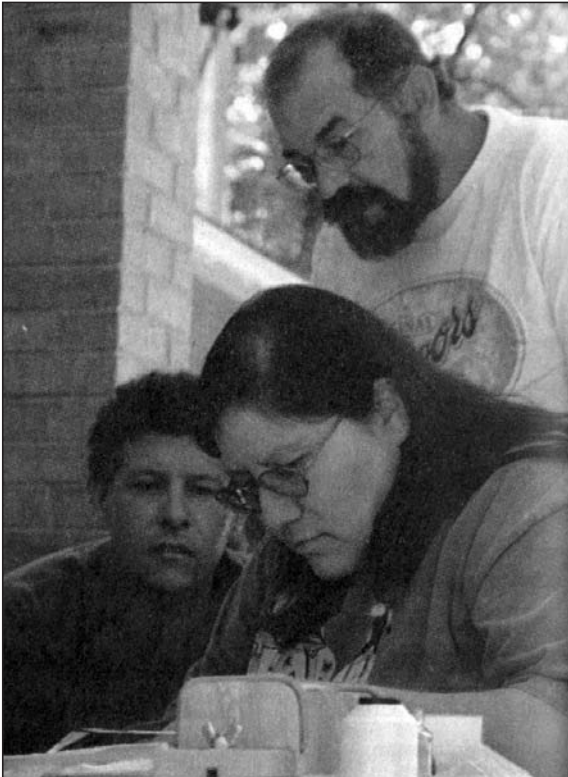
When it comes to creating a community where all youth can thrive, every adult has a role to play. Come join others in the La Plata County community to explore the role you play in supporting positive outcomes for youth. Thriving Youth – Filling the Bag will provide the latest research on youth with a positive, hopeful twist! Thursday, September 10th, 6:30 to 8:30 PM. At the Durango Community Recreation Center. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the La Plata County Children, Youth and Family Master Plan Board; funded by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and presented by Assets for Colorado Youth. For more information call: Vicki Coe at (970) 247-8252 or Lauren Patterson (970) 259-1247.

### FLC Present “Los Once” A Tale Of Rails & Betrayals

The Fort Lewis College Department of Theatre and Silverton’s A Theatre Group are proud to present Los Once - A tale of rails, betrayals and crosses along the US border. This modern play, written by Finnian Sullivan and directed by Laura Cuetara, was inspired by the determination, resolve, and the eventual death of eleven men and women who left their homes in Mexico and Central America to find low wage work in the United States. This staged reading is collaboration between Silverton’s A Theatre Group and the Fort Lewis College Department of Theatre. It is being held as a fundraiser with the proceeds benefiting the department’s scholarship fund. September 5 at 7:30 PM in the Theatre Building, Mainstage at Fort Lewis College Campus in Durango, CO. Suggested Minimum Donation: Adults - \$10, Students - \$5. For tickets and information call (970)247-7089 or go to <http://theatre.fortlewis.edu>



## 10 years ago...



Five participants took part in a loom beading name tag class put on by Ag Extension, taught by Elise Red last Saturday, August 21, 1999. Elise taught students some beading basic, how to write one's name in beads and how to finish the nametag. Muz (above photo, standing) and Phil Johnson pay attention to Elise Red's instruction on attaching the back and pin to the nametag. Muz Pinnecoose & Phil Johnson finished their nametags.

This photo was published in the August 27, 1999 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

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## 20 years ago...

The Laguna Headstart Program-presented a skit. The skits are tradition to the workshops the Headstart programs participate in and sponsor. They were one of the highlights to the evening. In addition to the Laguna Pueblo, the Taos Pueblo program showed a film clip of the their school. They were attending a workshop, which Marge Borst had organized. This photo was published in the September 1, 1989 issue of the Southern Ute Drum

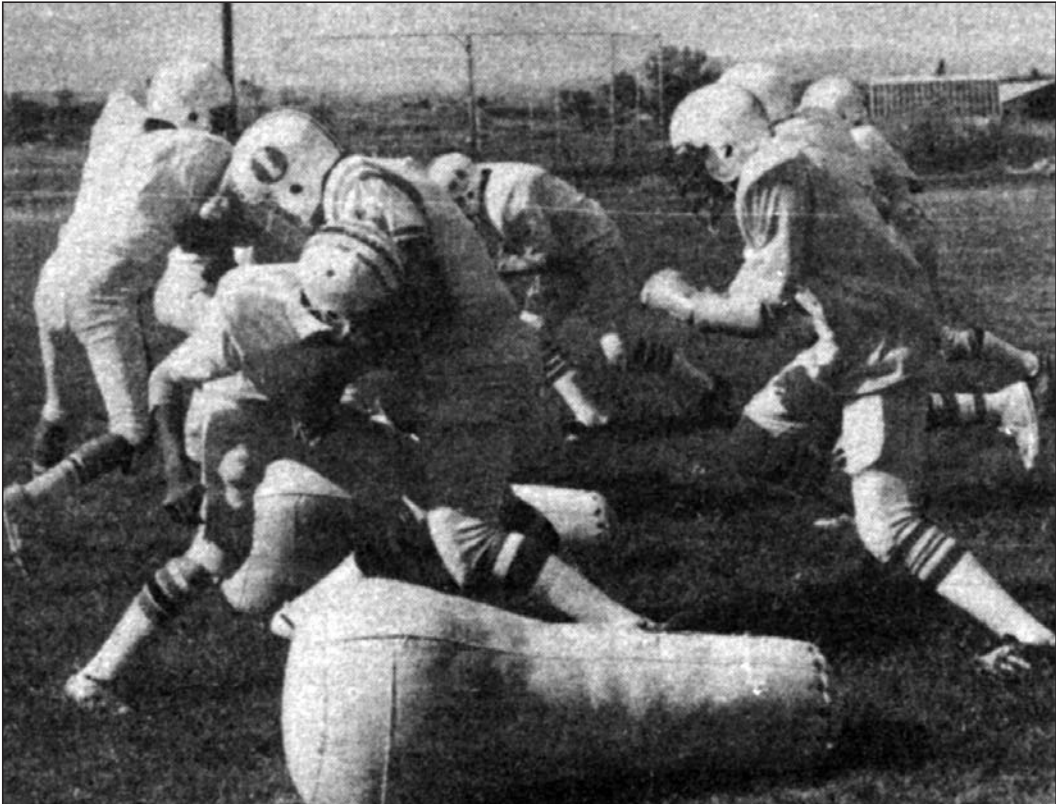


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## 30 years ago...

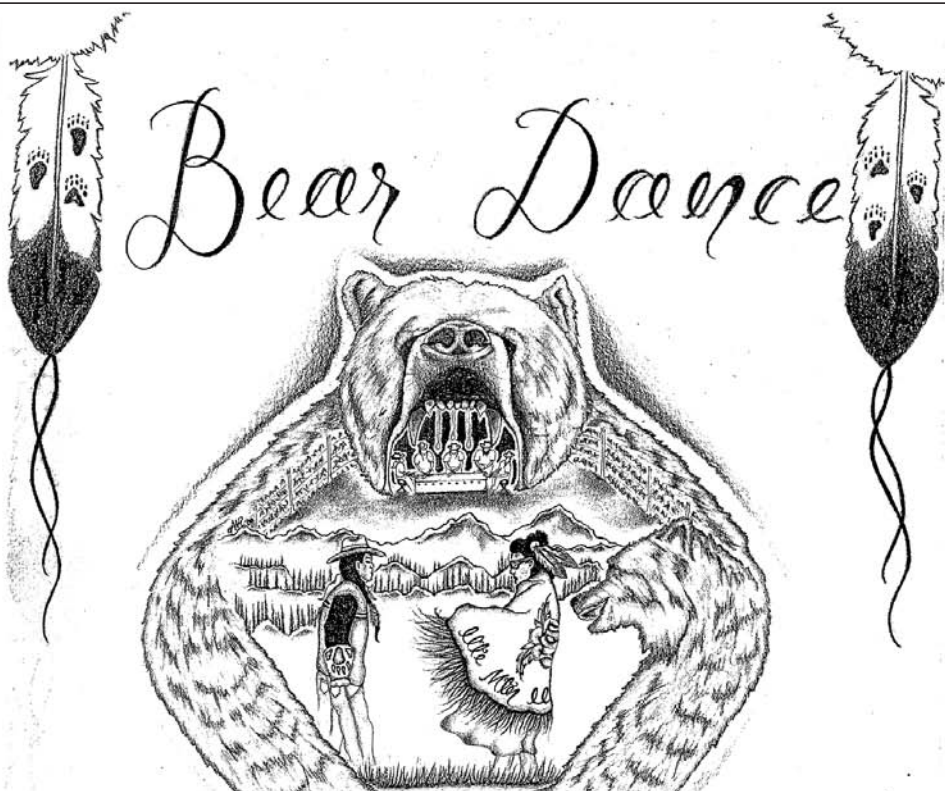
Ignacio Bobcats on their fist day of physical contact as they get ready for the football season. This photo was published in the August 31, 1979 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



## Ute Language

Öàvì - “Salt, White Salt”  
Chirüü - “Chili, Hot Pepper”  
Yüùvanna - “Frybread”

Editor’s Note: The Ute Language and “Translation” are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996



## White Mesa Bear Dance

September 4th thru September 7th, 2009

Labor Day Weekend

Prayer by Jack Cantsee Sr.—September 4th, 2009 @ 6:00 a.m.

### BEAR DANCE CHIEFS

Jack Cantsee Sr.-- Jack Cantsee Jr.-- Gilbert Dutchie  
Aldean Ketchum--Stanley Lehi

### Pow-Wow

September 4th & 5th, 2009  
Grand Entry @ 7:00 p.m.-Friday Sept. 4th  
Grand Entry@ 1 & 7:00 p.m.-Saturday Sept. 5th  
Supper Break 5:00 p.m. Saturday Sept. 5, 2009  
More information contact Kathryn Jacket @ 970-759-1571

### 14-18 years old Softball Tournament

September 4th & 5th, 2009  
More information contact Malcolm Lehi or Florinda Poyer  
@ 435-678-2118 or 435-459-9089

### Handgame Tournament

September 5th, 2009  
Youth Handgame Tournament September 5th, 2009  
More information contact Darphene Badback @ 435-327-1931

### Country Western Dance

September 4th & 5th, 2009  
@ Community Center 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.  
More information contact the White Mesa Recreation @ 435-678-2118  
or 435-459-9089

### Horseshoe Tournament

September 5th, 2009  
More information contact Malcolm Lehi or Florinda Poyer  
@ 435-678-2118 or 435-459-9089

### “Put Up Or Shut Up” Boxing

Saturday September 5th, 2009 @ 3:00 pm  
White Mesa Recreation Center

**Feast** Monday September 7th, 2009 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Next to Bear Dance/Pow Wow Grounds

### Concession Information:

Annie Lee Rabbit @ 435-678-3397 or 435-459-9121

**For More Information on events call toll free 866-874-3967**  
**All ladies must wear dresses while dancing**

**13 miles south of Blanding, Utah**  
White Mesa Bear Dance Committee will not be responsible for theft, accidents or short funded travelers.

No alcoholic beverages or drugs allowed on premises • No bikes or 4 wheelers allowed during the celebration weekend

## PowWow Trails 2009

### 4 Bears Casino PowWow

September 4-6, 2009

4 Bears Casino & Lodge

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Contact: Rhonda, (701) 421-1990 or 1-800-294-5454

Web: [www.4bearscasino.com/entertainment.shtml](http://www.4bearscasino.com/entertainment.shtml)

### Ottawa PowWow & Celebration

September 4-6, 2009

11400 S. 613 Rd. • Miami, OK

Contact: Charla Dawes, (918) 540-1536,

Email: [info@ottawapowwow.com](mailto:info@ottawapowwow.com)

Web: [www.ottawapowwow.com](http://www.ottawapowwow.com)

### United Tribes International PowWow

September 10-13, 2009

United Tribes Technical College • Bismarck, ND

Contact: (701) 255-3285, ext 1293

Web: [www.uttcc.edu](http://www.uttcc.edu)

### Southern Ute Tribal Fair & PowWow

September 11-13, 2009

Sky Ute Fairgrounds • Ignacio, CO

Contact: Corliss Taylor (970) 764-7056 or Cindy Winder (970) 563-0100, ext 2301

Web: [www.southern-ute.nsn.us](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us)

### Delta Council Tree PowWow

September 18-20, 2009

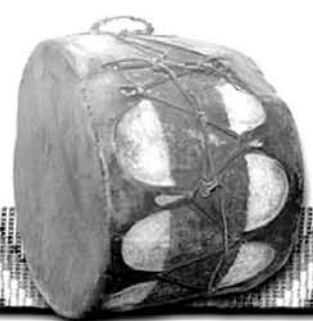
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Contact: (970) 874-1718 or 800-874-1741

Email: [counciltree@delta-co.gov](mailto:counciltree@delta-co.gov)

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## Healthy Perspectives: “Seasonal Influenza Vaccination”

by Dr. Matthew Clark, MD  
Southern Ute Health Clinic



With the start of school, the viral season typically begins. One of the important viral illnesses is Influenza. Influenza typically causes infections in the Fall and Winter.

This year there are two different types of influenza illnesses to understand - seasonal influenza and H1N1 (or so-called swine) influenza.

Influenza is an illness that causes high fever, chills, sore throat, cough, runny nose, muscle aches, tiredness, and headache. Occasionally this may be accompanied by vomiting and/or diarrhea.

Seasonal flu occurs each year and is due to common flu strains that undergo small changes from year-to-year. It can be severe among the young, the elderly, and persons with chronic illness.

H1N1 influenza is a new influenza strain that developed in the Spring of 2009. Because it is new, very few people have immunity to this virus.

Flu spreads through mucus and saliva. Most commonly it spreads on the surfaces of the hands, particularly when touching the face. Exposure may occur

after a cough or sneeze or after touching an infected inanimate object such as a doorknob.

One of the most important measures to prevent the spread of flu is proper hygiene. This includes frequent hand washing. Persons should also try to avoid touching the face and should cover their coughs and sneezes with a tissue or with a sleeve.

Another useful form of influenza prevention is vaccination. This year there will likely be two types of flu vaccination. The usual seasonal flu vaccination protects against the common strains of flu virus which circulate each year. H1N1 vaccine is currently being tested and may become available for high risk persons as soon as mid-October.

The Southern Ute Health Center has received its adult seasonal influenza vaccine. The seasonal flu children's vaccine is expected in the coming weeks. Seasonal flu vaccine, this year, will be recommended for the following high-risk groups and anyone who wants to reduce their risk of seasonal flu infection:

- Children aged 6 months up to their 19th birthday
- Pregnant women
- People 50 years of age and older
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including:
  - a. Health care workers
  - b. Household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu
  - c. Household contacts and out of home caregivers of children less than 6 months of age (these children are too young to be vaccinated)

## The Kidney Corner: “Glomerulonephritis”

by Dr. Mark Saddler, MD  
Durango Nephrology Associates



Unfortunately, medical terminology includes many long words which are difficult to pronounce (and spell!), and “glomerulonephritis” is one of them. However, it is an important type of kidney disease, so we will discuss this group of disorders in this edition of the Kidney Corner. It means “inflammation of the filtering parts of the kidney” and is sometimes called more simply “nephritis”. An older term is “Bright’s Disease”. Here, we will abbreviate it to “GN”.

Since the kidney functions as a filter, it makes sense that the filter can get clogged up by substances in the blood which then prevent the filter from working correctly. This is a gross oversimplification of the mechanism of GN but is a good way to conceptualize the problem. The circulating substances which most commonly cause this inflammation are immunoglobulins, the proteins in the blood that the body makes to fight infections. If these are present in too much abundance, or if they have a disordered structure, they can result in GN. The result

can be protein loss from the kidney, high blood pressure, and sometimes kidney failure.

Some of the most common causes of GN are infections. The best known example is Streptococcus, commonly known as “Strep”, which can cause sore throats. Usually, a “Strep throat” will get better on its own with no consequences. In rare cases, however, the immunoglobulins made by the body to combat the infection can cause severe GN. This may present as blood in the urine and sometimes as kidney failure. This problem is occasionally seen in young people. Fortunately, Streptococcal GN usually gets better after a few weeks.

Another common cause of GN,

especially in Native American patients, is a problem called “IgA nephritis”. This may also follow infections of various types or can occur without any underlying cause. It varies from being a minor problem without symptoms which causes no clinical consequences to a severe disease potentially causing kidney failure. There are effective medicines for IgA nephropathy but since they have the potential for significant side effects, they are usually reserved for the most severe cases which threaten the survival of the kidneys. IgA may cause blood in the urine, especially after infections. Although this appears alarming, it usually subsides without damage; much more dangerous is protein in the urine which usually can only be detected by chemical testing of the urine.

There are many more types of GN. Each is treated differently, and a definitive diagnosis usually requires a kidney biopsy, in which a piece of kidney tissue is removed using a needle. For many types, although we know much about how the disease behaves and what is needed to treat it, we often don't know the cause of the GN. Nevertheless, treatment can be very successful and can protect the kidney from unnecessary damage.

## Fire Safety For People With Disabilities

### Why are People with Disabilities at Risk?

Decreased mobility, health, sight, and hearing may limit a person's ability to take the quick action necessary to escape during a fire emergency. Depending on physical limitations, many of the actions an individual can take to protect themselves from the dangers of fire may require help from a caretaker, neighbor, or outside source.

People with disabilities can significantly increase their chances of surviving a fire by practicing proven fire safety precautions.

### Have a Sound Fire Safety and Escape Plan

It is vitally important to make and practice escape plans. In the event of a fire, remember, time is the biggest enemy and every second counts!

Involve the assistance of a building manager, family member, or an entrusted friend when practicing your fire escape plan.

Know at least two exits from every room.

If you use a walker or wheelchair, check all exits to make sure

they get through the doorways.

Practice opening locked or barred doors and windows.

When a fire occurs, do not waste any time saving property. Leave the home immediately. Once out, stay out.

### Develop a Home Fire Safety Plan

People with mobility difficulties should be encouraged to have their bedroom on the ground floor and as close as possible to an exit.

If necessary, have a ramp available for emergency exits.

Unless instructed by the fire department, never use an elevator during a fire.

Be sure your street address is clearly marked and visible from the street.

Know which local emergency services are available, have those numbers posted or memorized.

### Inform Others of Your Special Needs

Contact your local fire department on a non-emergency telephone number and explain your special needs.

Your local fire department will be able to help you with your

escape plan and may also be able to perform a home fire safety inspection, as well as offer suggestions about smoke alarm placement and maintenance.

Ask emergency providers to keep your special needs information on file.

### Install and Maintain Smoke Alarms

Working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home dramatically increase your chances of survival.

People with physical limitations should be aware of special fire safety devices that are available, such as smoke alarms with a vibrating pad or flashing light for the deaf or hard of hearing. In addition, smoke alarms with a strobe light outside the house can catch the attention of neighbors or others who might pass by.

Smoke alarm batteries need to be tested every month and changed at least once a year. If you can't reach the test button on your smoke alarm, ask someone to inspect it for you.

*This message brought to you by the Southern Ute Risk Management Division*

### Health Fair at Sky Ute Casino Event Center

Friday, November 6, 2009, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*Sponsored by Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services*

**Health Screenings:** Cholesterol Testing • Glucose Screening • Blood Pressure Checks • Heart & Body Imaging • HIV /AIDS

**Awareness Programs:** Diabetes • Heart • Cancer

**Other Health Services:** Acupuncture • Audiologists • Car Seat Safety Check • Chiropractors • Eye Care Providers • Holistic Healing • Mammogram Party • Massages • Natural Health Care • Womens Resource Center

## Shining Mtn. Kidney Conference



photos Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

The Shining Mountain Diabetes Program held a Kidney Screening & Conference in Ignacio, Colorado on Friday August 21, 2009. The day began with a “Sweat” at peaceful Spirit Treatment Center, followed by a “Poker Walk” (bottom photo), a few of the walkers anxious to soak up the sun and enjoy the fresh air. The conference proceeded into the afternoon following a “Health Screening” (top photo), of participants getting their ‘numbers’ checked. The screenings included Cholesterol, Blood Glucose, and Blood pressure checks as well as a Kidney Screening. Guest speakers, Dr. Clark, of Ignacio Health Services and Dr. Saddler of the Durango Nephrology Associates discussed topics concerning Kidney Disease. One of the main points of concern was how Diabetes is the number one factor and High Blood Pressure is the number 2 contributor to Kidney Disease and the conference ended with a Talking Circle.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe Boys & Girls Club Important Dates and Hours

August 31 - September 3: Open 3:00– 7:00pm.

September 4– September 18: CLOSED for preparation.

September 21: After School Club Begins! Open 3:00-7:00pm.  
(Normal After-School Program Begins: Power Hour, Enrichment Classes, etc.)







# Tribal Fair

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August 28, 2009



## Southern Ute Tribal Fair Schedule of Events, Sept., 11-13, 2009

### ANNUAL SOFTBALL CHALLENGE

Friday, September 11, 2009, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Ute Park/Silva Fields - South Field

Superintendent: Janet Mosher - SunUte (970) 563-0214

Games to be determined upon Team registration.

**General Softball Rules: (enforced)**

- Single Elimination Bracket.
- A minimum of (4) women must play at all times, (2) women in the infield and (2) in the outfield.
- Must have at least nine player to start.
- Three balls and two strikes.
- 12" softball to be used. Official softball ASA bats ONLY!
- Substitutes may enter any time.
- Players must be at least 18 yrs of age.
- Open to Tribal, BIA, Growth Fund & Casino Employees.

### SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR PICNIC

Friday, September 11, 2009, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Veteran's Memorial Park,

Picnic Area (In case of rain - Sky Ute Pavilion)

Contact: SU Public Relations (970) 563-0118

### YOUTH GAMES

Friday, September 11, 2009, 4:00 PM

Veteran's Memorial Park – Southern Ute Tribal Campus

Superintendent: McKean Walton, Sarah Russell, Tara Vigil

Categories (by age): (4-6), (7-9 yrs), (10-12 yrs), (13-15 yrs), (16-18)

Cracker and Watermelon Eating, Softball/Egg Toss, Foot Race, Three Legged Race and Bike Race.

Male and Female Divisions. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Cash Prizes.

Tribal Member and DIRECT Descendant Only!

### SO. UTE FAIR BASKETBALL SHOOT-OUT

Saturday, September 11, 12, and 13th, 2009

Superintendent: Damon WhiteThunder (970) 563-0214

Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Entry Fee: \$200.00/Team.

Cash prizes to be awarded.

Tourney will be a double-elimination and will OPEN to everyone.

To sign up, or for more information contact: SunUte Recreation Staff at (970) 563-0214

### TRIBAL FAIR PARADE

Saturday, September 12, 2009, (Times listed below)

Lineup at Ignacio High School, South on Goddard Ave.

Superintendents: TIS Department (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2208

Parade lineup and registration: 8 AM Ignacio High School.

Parade starts at 10 AM from Ignacio High School.

Parade entries will be judged on adherence to theme:

**“With out yesterday, we dream of our tomorrow.”**

**Categories for Parade Entries:**

- Floats:

All floats will be categorized by either Commercial, Family or Service/Organization. Float Prizes: 1st: \$100, 2nd: \$75, 3rd: \$50. (1st -3rd place awarded in each category except for Chairman's and Executive Officer's Award)

- Best Native Dress:

Male (15 & older) - \$100; Female (15 & older) - \$100

Male (15 & younger) - \$75; Female (15 & younger) - \$75

- Best Dressed Western:

Tribal Member: (15 & older) - \$75,

Tribal Member: (15 & younger) - \$75

- Best Native Group: \$100

- Chairman's Award: (TBA)

- Executive Officer's Award: (TBA)

**Categories for Kiddie Entries:**

The Kiddie Parade is open to children 12 yrs and under.

1st Place winners in each category will receive \$25 and a prize. Prizes will be awarded to all entrants.

- Best Kiddie Floats • Best Youth Group Entry

- Best Bicycle Entry • Wackiest Entry

- Best Clown Entry • Best Wagon Entry

### ARCHERY CONTEST

Saturday, September 12, 2009, 1:00 PM

Superintendent: Isiah Valdez (970) 563-4525

Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Infield)

Only Traditional Bows To Be Used

Categories (by age): (11-12 yrs) (13-14 yrs) (15-16 yrs)

1st Place: Bows

2nd Place: Plaques

3rd Place: Trophies

10 yrs & Younger: Various prizes and medals awarded.

### HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 12, 2009, 1:00 PM

Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Infield)

Superintendents: McKean Walton (970) 769-7745 or Sarah Russell (970) 563-5280

Categories: Mens & Women's, Singles & Doubles

Entry Fees: \$5 for Singles, \$10 for Doubles. All entry fees go toward jackpot; \$200 added in each category. Payouts will be made to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

### HANDGAME TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 12, 2009, 3:00 PM

Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Lawn, Under the Outdoor Tent)

Superintendent: Mike Santistevan (970) 799-3331

Event open to all Native American teams.

5-Person Teams.

\$100.00 Cash Entry Fee.

Registration closes at 1:00 PM.

Double Elimination Tournament.

\$7,500.00 Guaranteed Prize Money, plus prizes!!!

Handgame Rules:

- Anyone caught cheating will be disqualified, including ALL team members.
- NO Alcohol/Drugs: Anyone who is intoxicated will be reported to the S.U.P.D and his or her entry fee will be forfeited.
- NO Arguing/Attitude: Show good sportsmanship during games.
- Kick Stick will be used.
- All questions/complications resolved BEFORE start of game.
- All team members MUST be on hand & ready for each game.
- Must let the other team know who will point before they hide.
- NO thumb pointing, NO double pointing & NO fake guessing.
- Use hand, stick, bones to point & state your point OUT LOUD.
- NO SCARVES - May hide under scarf, but both hands must be out once ready to show.
- Show both Bones once point has been made.
- NO going back under - if caught only bones are forfeited.
- NO double bones - if caught bones are forfeited REGARDLESS IF THEY WERE JUST HANDED OUT!!!
- You may bone hop on LAST STICK ONLY!!!
- All sticks MUST be visible during tournament games .
- Captain's responsibility all teammates are aware of the rules.
- Team Captains, if little children are playing, be sure to help them when they are hiding.
- Each game can have new captain; Let the other team know.

### ROYALTY DINNER

Saturday, September 12, 2009, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Sky Ute Fairgrounds (On The Lawn)

Superintendents: Southern Ute Royalty 2008-2009

### FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Saturday, September 12, 2009, at Dusk (approx. 8 PM)

Superintendent: Amy Barry (970) 563-0100, Ext. 2254

Fullam Fireworks Inc. of Moab, Utah. Fullam Fireworks will launch the BIGGEST Fireworks display in the Four Corners from the south end of Sky Ute Fairgrounds.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 13, 2009, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Sky Ute Fairgrounds (On the Lawn)

Superintendent: Sponsored by the Sevens Rivers 4-H Club

Cost: \$5 Per Plate

Menu: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Coffee or Orange Juice.

### TIPI RAISING CONTEST

Sunday, September 13, 2009, 9:00 AM

Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Infield)

Superintendents: Byron & Etta Frost (970) 946-4061

No entry fee. Registration forms available for this event.

All registration will be closed at 9:00 AM Sun., Sept., 13, 2009.

Contest will consist of 3 team members who will erect tipi.

Prizes: 1st Place 18 ft. Tipi, 2nd Place (3) Canvas Bedrolls, 3rd Place

(3) Canvas Sleeping Bags

**Tipi Raising Judging Criteria:**

- Contestants will use Tribal Tipi provided or use their own.
- Fastest time to erect the tipi.
- Each Team will be given 45 minutes max. to erect the tipi.
- Technique of erecting the tipi
- Each Team will have only ONE chance to erect the tipi.
- Absolutely NO tipi creeping during this event.

### FRYBREAD CONTEST

Sunday, September 13, 2009, 11:00 AM

Sky Ute Fairgrounds (North of Parking Lot)

Superintendent: Geneva Gomez (970) 553-0100

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place. (Prizes to be determined).

Grand Prize (TBD)

All participants will receive an apron.

Singles Category Only.

**Frybread Contest Rules:**

- Open To All Native American
- Flour, salt, baking powder, shortening, water will be provided.
- Must bring own utensils, bowls, potholders, etc.
- Singles Categories: (12-14 yrs); (15-17 yrs); (18 and up)
- NO PRE-MADE DOUGH WILL BE ALLOWED!
- Each contestant will be provided with (3) matches to start fire
- No paper to be used to start fire, no outside help.
- 20 minute time limit: Build fire; Prepare dough; Fry (2) frybreads to be judged, swap (2) of your best within 20 min. if needed.
- Frybread will be judged on color, texture & taste.
- NO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES!
- JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL!

### GREASED POLE CLIMB

Sunday, September 13, 2009, 11:00 AM

Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Infield)

Sponsored by: 12 Gauge Drum Group

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN A WAIVER!

18 yrs and younger need a parent/guardian signature.

Team Category: 5 Person Teams, Team Prize: \$500

Individual Category: Reach the envelope at top of pole.

Child (12 and younger): T-shirts & Prizes.

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# SOUTHERN UTE

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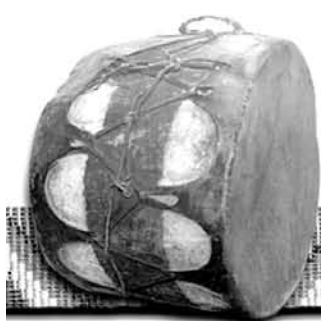
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## Students Grow With Art; Southwest CCC Course Expands Imaginations

**Kristen Plank**  
Journal Staff Writer

It has been a while since the halls and walls of the nearby college, now Southwest Colorado Community College, have seen an art class.

But this summer, five students from Southwest Colorado decided to try their hand at an eight-week crash course in basic drawing. Adjunct professor Deborah Kelley-Galin, an artist who graduated from the San Francisco Art Institute and has been teaching subjects from art to humanities to English, brought her experience to teach the students.

"A drawing course such as Art 121 includes discussions of art history, psychology, and world cultures, as well as time spent on creating artwork," Kelley-Galin said. "I try to zero in on an individual's interests, and I try to figure out what their potential is and guide them in that direction."

Students were required to create about 20 drawings throughout the semester for their portfolio, using a variety of mediums ranging from pencils and pens to charcoal and paint.

Improvement from beginning to end was like "night and day," Kelley-Galin said.

"There was really quite a lot of progression," she said. "Part of that progression was awakening them to the realization that there is more to art than making something look like something else. It's much more of an expansive subject than that."

The class covered typical art topics such as shading, lighting and textures, but Kelley-Galin encouraged her students to explore beyond that.

"A lot of the time they had a major personal transformation, realizing they are capable of cre-

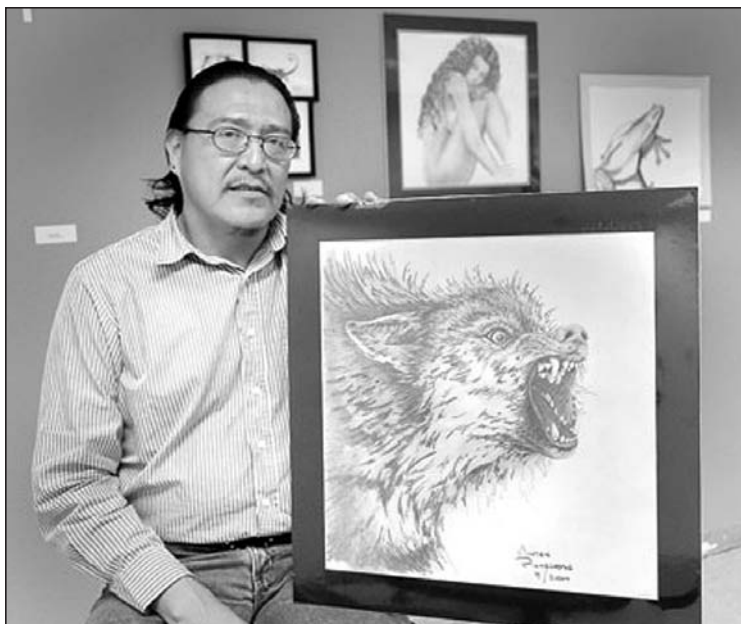


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Marten Pinnecoose holds one of his drawings, "The Fight Within," that is on display at Southwest Colorado Community College. Another of his drawings, "Sometime," hangs in the background.

ating these high-quality, sophisticated pieces of art," she said.

At the end of the semester, students showcased their art pieces in one of the halls at SCCC. Most of the students bonded and supported each other through the class, and, as a result, many of the pieces were "museum quality," Kelley-Galin said.

Some students, like Jenn Fast Wolf, of Dolores, took the art course as a requirement and stepping stone to her degree in psychology. Most of what she got out of the class was the ability to hone her art skills.

"I learned different approaches and different ways to apply media," Fast Wolf said. "I think drawing, for me, helps me release stress. It's something I enjoy doing."

Other students discovered a possible new career path after taking the class.

Marten Pinnecoose, of Ignacio, returned to school to look into different careers. Art is one of the careers he is considering.

"It's kind of hard to find work with the economy being the way it is," he said. "I've been encouraged to do something like this. Opportunity has presented itself, so that's what I'm doing."

Pinnecoose is a self-taught artist at home, giving away most of his work to friends and family. He mainly uses pencil as his medium, creating wildlife drawings.

But the art course has given him the courage to work with color, draw portraits and put his work on display.

"I'm trying to explore different areas, and I eventually want to work into paintings and sculptures," he said. "I'm kind of branching out."

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*Editors Note: This article written by Kristen Plank and photo taken by Sam Green both of the Cortez Journal, is being re-published in this issue of the Drum with permission from the Cortez Journal.*

## Ignacio Junior High Parent Night August 31, 2009

**6:00- 6:30 PM** - A dinner will be served at the High School Cafeteria  
**6:30-7:30 PM** - 'Meet the staff' activities at the Jr. High Gym.  
**7:30-8:00 PM** - Booths will be set up explaining activities and programs for your child.

The computer lab will be set up to show parents how to access student grades and attendance. Parents may also choose to tour the campus and talk to teachers.

## Leadership & Tribal Council



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

The Leadership Council of the Southern Ute Boys and Girls Club recently met with Steve Herrera, Southern Ute Tribal Council member and talked about the role of listening in being an effective leaders, tribal sovereignty, tribal government, and what it is like to be a tribal council member. Keith Joosten, Leadership Council member remarked, "Steve Herrera taught me that leadership is not being bossy. You have to be respectful and on top of things."

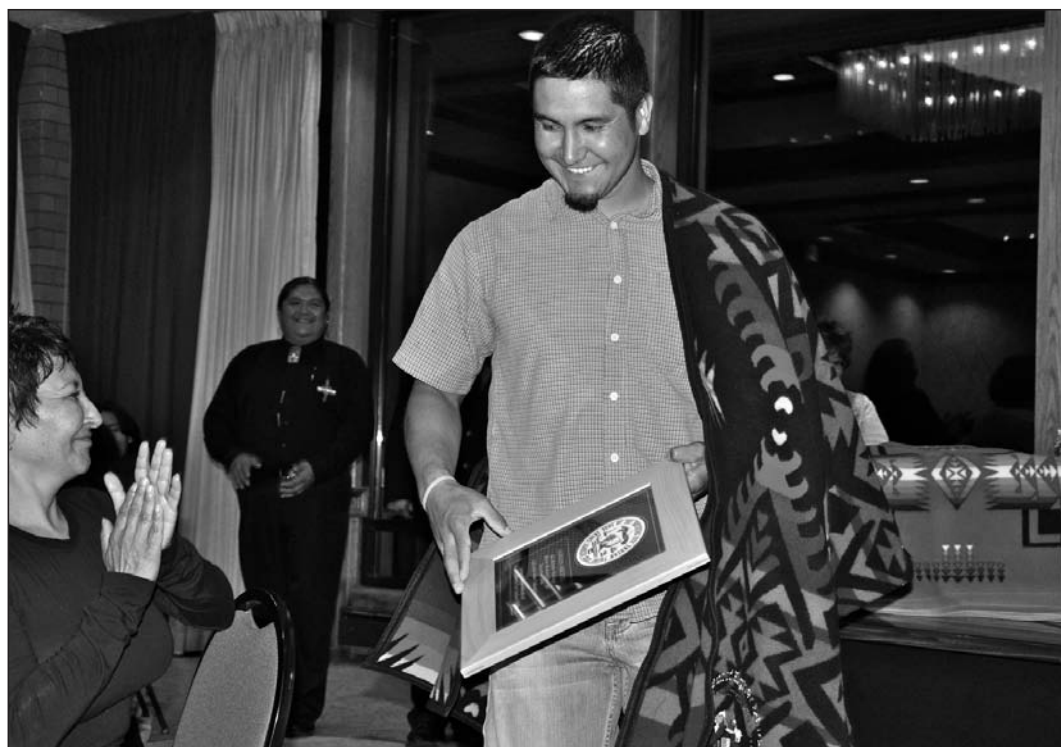
## Intermediate Welcomes Students



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

The Ignacio Intermediate School had its annual Open House on Tuesday evening, August 25, 2009 from 5-7pm. The theme of this year's open house was "The Five Best Decisions the Beatles Ever Made". Citing the success and long standing influence of the British rock band, IIS set goals for the New Year. Parents, Students and teachers came together for a chili supper, served with cinnamon rolls and fruit punch. Students ended the night in the cafeteria by completing their sticker sheet, the sticker sheet was a bobcat paw print represented by each classroom visited during the open house ceremonies. Informational brochures were also on hand, advocating safe routes to school for students who wish to ride bicycles or walk. Pictured above Mrs. Wilmer writes out school goals for the presentation, Student Ethan Appenzeller and his mother partake in the chili supper which was served in the IIS cafeteria.

## 9th Annual Higher Ed. Banquet



photos courtesy Andrea Taylor/TIS

Attendees at the 9th Annual Higher Education banquet, (top photo) standing left to right: Crystal Rizzo, Gabrielle Herrera, Jeanne Smith, Joe Velasquez, Eduardo Herrera, Theodosha Frost, Angela Nickerson, and Gabe Chavez, and front row left to right: Councilman Steve Herrera, Adrian Abeyta, Executive Officer Andrew Frost, Karen Box and Councilwoman Ramona Eagle. Pictured above, Adrian Abeyta with his mother Angela Abeyta after receiving a Pendleton blanket and plaque of recognition. The Master of Ceremonies for this event was Travis Blackbird; Lynda D'Wolf gave the Invocation. The Higher Ed Banquet was held on August 14, 2009, at 6:30pm in Durango, Colorado at the Double Tree Hotel.





## Stillwell Next To Lead IHS Volleyball

by Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

James Madison University will field the seventh-youngest squad in Division I for 2009.

So longtime leader Disa Garner would probably get a kick out of knowing one of her former four-year Dukes will be heading what could be the youngest coaching staff in all of Colorado prep volleyball during the same months.

"It's like, 'Don't I have a sister that age or something?'" joked the newest Ignacio Volleycat-in-chief, 24-year-old Bayli Stillwell, as she observed her charges at last Friday's practice, not even a week into the fall semester. Taking over for Terene Foutz, who resigned in the off-season for family reasons, and assistants Kate Gillis and Keith Reinhardt, Stillwell will be joined by Jordan Shaffer, 21, who worked with the IHS boys' JV basketball team in 2008-09, and former 'Cat middle Paula Cox. Who just graduated in the spring and is aboard as a volunteer.

Needless to say, youthful enthusiasm won't be in short supply. And it will have to start with, and utilized by Stillwell, whose newest v-ball beginning bears some resemblance to her own start in the sport—it wasn't her obvious choice.

"I applied to do a counseling position here at the high school, and in my interview it came up that I'd played volleyball in college," she said. "And I think the bonus was that I had a lot of playing experience and so they thought I'd fit in nicely. They knew they were going to have the opening and so I got hired as one of the counselors and the head volleyball coach."

After much convincing from friends and family to diversify away from just basketball, Stillwell eventually became an anchor for Wendy Hall's Steamboat Springs Sailors, and as a senior helped SSHS to a runner-up finish (losing to Lewis-Palmer) in the 2002 Class 4A state tournament.

Three teammates also joined her in getting signed to schools in

the NCAA's top rank, including eventual UCLA co-captain Katie Carter, of late a participant on the AVP's 'webisode' series "Transition" in addition to an overseas pro career.

2002 also happened to be, and still is the last time JMU advanced to the Colonial Athletic Association's tournament championship match. And thanks to some of her own family residing in the Steamboat area, Garner was notified about the six-foot lefty right-side hitter.

Who blended in with the Dukes' doings virtually immediately.

Playing second, sometimes third fiddle to some of her new 'mates, including national top-five libero Jena Pierson (NCAA's #6 all-time in digs per game), Stillwell continued honing her craft. Her kill total climbed each season (86-163-229-250), her senior-year dig total of 223 exceeded her previous three combined (170), and though never voted All-CAA, Stillwell scored honors where she could.

As a junior in 2005, her .323 hitting rate ranked fifth in the conference, and she began 2006 with the JMU Days Inn Invitational MVP award. James Madison finished 19-9 overall, tied for second behind Hofstra in the Colonial at 13-5, and Garner was voted Coach of the Year.

A former Western Slope Leaguer helping fuel the success, the coach having personal connections to northwestern Colorado—it all had to look attractive to 2006 4A tourney

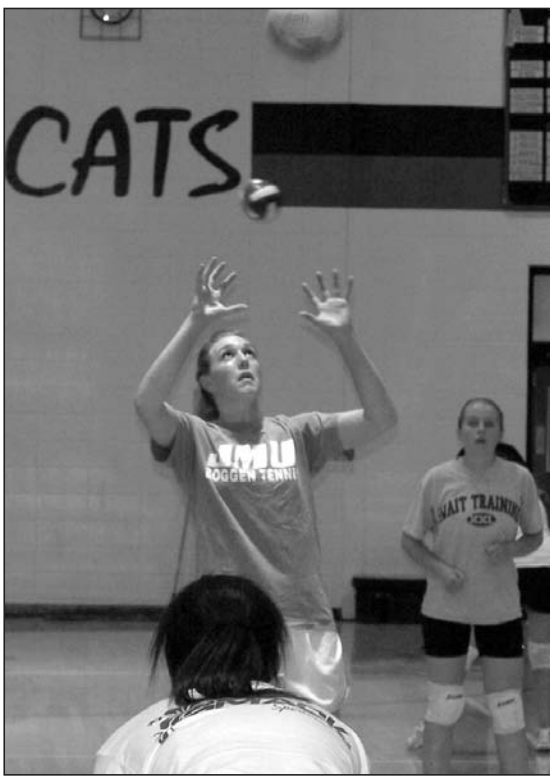


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*New Ignacio head coach Bayli Stillwell prepares to set sophomore Abeth Okall (foreground) during early-season practice last week inside IHS Gymnasium. Stillwell, a former NCAA Division I player, replaces Terene Foutz who resigned during the off-season.*

MVP Sofia Lindroth of Battle Mountain [Minturn] HS, who signed with the Dukes to play starting in 2007.

"I think it's a matter of finding ways that a particular group of girls can score. We might not have the huge hitters, but they're smart players," said Stillwell, who studied psychology at JMU, then earned her Master's in Counseling Psychology from Denver University just this year.

"And it doesn't matter if you have huge if you have smart. I think they're really scrappy, and they're giving me a really good effort. I was pleasantly surprised at what I saw this week."

"I've looked at who we're playing, and kind of asked them [the IHS players] who they think their biggest games are going to be against and what they expect," she continued, referring to Ignacio's opposition in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League. "Once I get the team solidified a little more, we're going to break down what we need against each team—what are our expectations, our goals for that team."

## Injury Assures Garcia An Early Win

by Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

The reason for its necessity wasn't all that clear.

But as soon as Bernardo Guereca's handlers broke out an ice bag before the fourth round, it all but put the outcome in the bag for the boxer across the ring, a pleasing result for the decidedly 'home' crowd inside Sky Ute Casino Resort on August 15.

"I couldn't actually see the punch," referee Russell Mora said afterwards, talking about the swing that likely dislocated Guereca's left shoulder and virtually guaranteed victory for Elco Garcia in the main event at 'August Explosion.'

"I don't know what happened," said Garcia, who improved to 22-7 with 11 knockouts. "He came to fight, I came to fight. And I was hoping to go more rounds...I think I'm a lot bigger, didn't think he could really hurt me. I felt stronger than him."

Conceding close to five inches of height, and coming in about 2.5 pounds lighter, Guereca (15-8-1, 3 KO) spent most of the bout on the retreat, particularly in the second round when Garcia became the clear aggressor following a mutual feeling-out first.

And in Round 3 Guereca threw a looping left that looked, and sounded like it hit Garcia. The Albuquerque (via El Paso, Tex.) resident's arm then wrapped viciously around 'The Animal,' who suffered no damage, and the force of the sudden stop may have been what popped the pug's upper arm out of its socket. He was then unable to come out for Round 4.

"Maybe when he gets better, if he wants a rematch I'll give it to him," Garcia said amidst supporters and well-wishers as he departed for the dressing room. "But he got hurt, so even in Albuquerque or wherever, you know?"

"In October I'll be fighting for the title, here, with a guy from Colombia if everything works out then," Garcia continued when asked about his next move. "He's ranked #15 in the world [middleweight, by the WBA, limit at 160 pounds] and I'll be glad to fight him, you know?"

He was likely referring to Oney Valdez, and Valdez's WBA



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*Chatting with referee Russell Mora after his fight, Elco Garcia has the look of 'What can you do?' after an abrupt ending to his bout with Bernardo Guereca at 'August Explosion.' Due to injury Guereca was unable to start Round 4 of the eight scheduled, and lost by TKO.*

Fedecentro light middleweight/super welterweight belt. The South American (19-9-1, 13 KO) notched a third-round TKO of his own last Friday, stopping inexperienced Francisco Berrio (1-2) in Barranquilla.

"It's an opportunity and I'll prepare myself better," said Garcia. "This fight I didn't train that hard, but no excuses—I'll be better prepared."

ON THE UNCERCARD: Called 'Too Pretty,' and for good reason, Albuquerque featherweight Serrina Pino was probably a big reason why fans didn't see Guereca's shoulder being examined in the crowded corner. After all, how many ring girls would prepare for that attention by being decked in the face a short while before?

"They said I was the first boxer to ask to do it, and I asked because it's something I've always wanted to do ever since I was a little girl," said Pino on a night of personal firsts. Which included her first pro fight after an off/on amateur career since age 10, her first win (37-39, 39-37, 40-36 split decision over Santa Fe's Clara de la Torre), and first stroll inside the ropes hoisting digits of upcoming rounds.

"In the beginning I was really nervous, and I thought she was out better than me the first two," Pino said, "but Three and Four were mine, so I figured I would have the decision. But I got through it and now I'm ready for another one!"

Denver heavyweight Mark Trumble definitely wasn't fully ready to rumble with Bloomfield's Reginald Jackson, and didn't even give Pino a chance to unveil her secondary skill set. Faster than it takes to half-heat a cup of ramen noodles, the 6'7" New Mexico man—who wore a Muhammad Ali shirt to and from the ring—used a near 30-pound weight advantage and heavy left hand to fell Trumble

(0-1) twice in just 38 seconds.

"Well he was hesitant throwing punches, and he didn't want to get hit," said Jackson (1-0, KO). "So I thought I saw an opening there, and thought 'I've got to be aggressive right now.'"

Asked to name something else he can do in just 38 ticks, Jackson laughed.

"I have no idea...get warmed up?"

The bout replaced the scratched Joe Gomez-Thomas Davis co-main, and followed two more Bloomfield boxers' pro debuts against alternate opponents.

Servando Lopez faced off against Denver rookie Brian Anderson instead of Matt Perez, and Anderson fared a little better than Trumble before being dropped to the mat a second time. Mora stepped in after just 85 seconds to stop the light middleweight action.

"I've only been boxing for seven months," said Anderson, misidentified as Trumble during introductions, "and you just don't know what to expect, what the other guy's going to bring to the table."

"You've got a lot more time in there," Lopez said, comparing pro versus amateur fights, "and you're not in as much of a hurry to throw a lot of punches. So there's not as much pressure like that."

Albuquerque featherweight Randy Arellin, replacing Rudy Yaniz against Aaron Fernandez, had already dealt with any pressure in a pro debut, and needed just over another round to put away Fernandez (time was 1:28 of Round 2), and improve to 2-1 with the TKO.

"First time for everything, you know?" lamented Fernandez, floored once and later trapped on the ropes by a wave of Arellin left hooks when ref Stephen Blea had seen enough.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: If for some reason Valdez is unable to go against Garcia, and Garcia still wants a fight for a belt, WBA 13th-ranked super welter/light middle Austin "No Doubt" Trout (19-0, 13 KO) could be an attractive, interstate alternative.

Trout, from Las Cruces, N.M., currently holds the WBA Continental Americas belt at 154 pounds, where Garcia has often fought, but does have a fight scheduled in Panama for Sept. 9. So a cancellation of any kind about Trout would almost have to happen for a test with Garcia to even have a chance at materializing.

## 'Blues' Bruise, Win 4 On GIBC Card

by Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

Odds seemed anyone wearing red mitts during August Explosion's amateur fights—presented by George's Independent Boxing Club—would be left singing 'blues,' akin to the Don Nix-penned, Freddie King-popularized "I'm goin' down/I'm goin' down, down, down, down."

To be fair though, that's one too many downs; Martinez Club's [Farmington, N.M.] Joshua Maestas did open the show from the red corner with a three-round decision over Delta Club's Tavian Asturst at 70 pounds. And to be more fair, the blues weren't all Delta styled; Obee's [Shiprock, N.M.] Maranda Benallie closed the show with a three-round decision over GIBC's Josonna Ollis at 150, but not before withstanding a vicious barrage by Ollis beginning the final round.

But otherwise, Delta's fighters and the blue corner appeared a perfect fit.

At 135 pounds (lightweight), Jesus Gonzalez defeated Cove, Arizona-based 4 Corners Club's Alphrian Jones by RSC [referee stops contest] in the second round. Jones had taken a standing-eight just seconds earlier, and was unable to defend against one last set of overhand-right-left-hook combos.

Eduardo Gonzalez followed with a three-round decision over GIBC's Zamir Young at mid-

dleweight (160), possibly swaying the judges on the strength of a stiff flurry late. Young had landed a few stiff rights of his own in Round 2, but the opponent's corner uttered, 'Just some love taps!' to reinforce his boxer's focus and lessen the stings.

And at heavyweight, 4 Corners' Eric Gelewood had the footwear style battle won before the first bell, rocking a pair of black Converse Chuck Taylors in his bout against Delta's M a t t h e w E d w a r d s . Edwards' train-

er had the same fashion sense, however, and Edwards proceeded to put an old-school pounding on his foe.

Dominant in both number of punches thrown, and landed—especially to the midsection—Edwards won by RSC early in Round 3, after the bell had bought Gelewood one last chance to regroup and show ability to protect himself following a standing-eight to end Round 2.



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*Mutually going upside each other's head during the 'August Explosion' amateur slate's opener, Joshua Maestas (left) and Tavian Asturst went the full three rounds at 70 pounds in pretty much this same manner. Maestas won the decision.*

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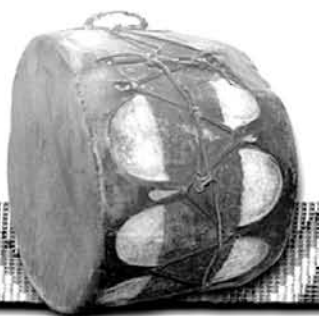
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# Museum & Cultural Center Beginning To Take Shape



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The Museum & Cultural Center project construction is well underway. The contractor's superintendent is Mark Crom with FCI, who is pictured above reviewing site plans with his team. Also pictured are subcontractors and workers from around the Four Corners region and New Mexico. Pictured below, Larry Peshlakai, puts in a hard days work, Larry is a contracted from Mariano Lake, New Mexico. The project is on schedule and takes shape daily as construction progress continues on many levels, the main building is scheduled to be complete by late fall 2010. The Museum itself could be open as early May, 2011.



## E-Race Conference



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"Eradicating Racism and Colorism Everywhere", was the theme for this year's E-Race conference. This is the first ever E-Race conference to be hosted in Ignacio, and speaking with Patricia McMahon of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, she was please to have a venue for this event on Southern Ute Tribal Lands. Standing above left to right, Veteran Howard Richards, USDA Regional Director of Civil Rights/EEO Programs Evelyn L. McGregor, Veteran Larry Tucker, Veteran Rodrick Grove and Lieutenant Colonel, US Air Force Reserves, Rayford Irvin. Pictured at left, Keynote Speaker, Stuart Ishimaru, Acting Chairman, United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The Sky Ute Casino Resort hosted the E-Race conference through August 18-20, 2009.